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FORMER ARIZONA MVD EMPLOYEE CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY TO SELL FALSE DRIVER'S LICENSE

PHOENIX - Sylvia Rebecca Delgado, 43, of Phoenix, was found guilty by a federal jury here today of one count of Conspiracy to Unlawfully Produce an Identification Document in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(f) and one count of Unlawfully Producing an Identification Document in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(a). The case was tried before U.S. District Court Judge Earl H. Carroll from March 23 to 31, 2005.

The evidence at trial showed that in July 2004 the defendant and her co-conspirators, Silvina Jaramillo Pueblo, 43, and Amber Monique Henry, 22, also of Phoenix, arranged for the unlawful production and sale of a driver's license to an undocumented alien for \$1500. Pueblo brokered the deal; Delgado, who was employed as a Lead Customer Service Representative at the South Mountain Branch of the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), produced the license and Henry delivered the license to the customer and accepted the payment. These defendants were three of 16 arrested in September 2004 in the Phoenix area as a result of a two-year investigation into corruption at the Arizona MVD.

The Conspiracy conviction carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. The conviction for Unlawfully Producing an Identification Document also carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both. Sentencing is set before Judge Earl H. Carroll on June 13, 2005.

Pueblo and Henry had previously pleaded guilty to one count each of Conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(f). Henry was sentenced to 5 ½ months in prison on March 7, 2005. Pueblo's sentencing is set for April 18, 2005.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the FBI, the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division Office of Special Investigations, and the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Mary Beth Pfister, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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